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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom; to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it; to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

IN MEMORIAM.

Friday, May 20, 1910.

A hush: a pause from work and play: surcease
From all familiar, pleasant ways of men;
He comes, that he may go beyond our ken,
He passes, who shall never pass again:
For to-day—peace.

Leave idle now a nation's wheel of life;
The hub is broken: not to-day we mend.
To-day we mourn a King, salute a friend,
Honour a man, and make a sorrowing end:
To-day—no strife.

Peacemaker! Though the morrow no release
For us, who wage the Holy Wars, should bring,
We shall stand firmer, march with steadier swing
Toward Peace with Honour, who pause, honouring
The King, and Peace.

V. H. FRIEDLAENDER.

THE OUTLOOK.

The eyes of the women of the world, and especially those of our own dear country, are fixed to-day with affection and hope upon the young and gracious Queen, who has already enthroned herself in the hearts of the people of this land. The Princess May, as she was familiarly known in the days before her marriage to the sailor cousin who is now King George V., was from her babyhood a bonny, typically English girl, blessed with a strong sense of humour, and a happy, cheery nature, simply and sensibly trained by a wise father and mother, and by temperament practical and responsible beyond her age. The years which have passed and which have brought her into the fierce light which beats upon a throne, first as wife of the Heir-Apparent, and now as Queen Consort of an Empire on which the sun never sets, have but deepened and strengthened the fine and fitting qualities which will enable her to fulfil her high and glorious destiny with courage, devotion, and sagacity as profound as it is rare.

A Philanthropist.

Her ardent and known interest in all that concerns the life of the people, the generous and unflinching support which she gives in time and financial help to those associations which exist for the succour of the needy, the sick, and the suffering; her cordial and constant approval of schemes for the welfare of women and children, and greater opportunities for their service to the community, is a record of endeavour and achievement which is at once an earnest of the greater days yet to be.

As Traveller.

As Princess of Wales she has had priceless opportunities of preparation for the illustrious future to which she has been called. She is one of the most travelled ladies in the land, and the enormous success of the world tours undertaken with the Prince of Wales, when he visited Australia to inaugurate the Commonwealth, and some years later India, was due in great measure to her tactful and gracious personality.

The Procession of June 18.

The great Procession will, as we announced last week, take place on the evening of June 18, and work to make it a tremendous success is now again in full swing all over the country. In Scotland and the provinces, countless meetings are being held, in order to tell women of all classes about the great Procession and its tremendous significance, while in the Metropolis, in addition to the large number of indoor meetings, a special campaign is being conducted by means of open-air meetings in the parks. In this way a large number of people are drawn into the movement who would

not otherwise be reached. All indications to hand point to a success for the demonstration which can only be described as phenomenal. Full details of the special work in this connection will be given in the next and following issues.

Forging Ahead.

Public propaganda work, which by the decision of the Women's Social and Political Union has been suspended until after the funeral of the late King, will be resumed throughout the country and the metropolis. Commencing to-morrow, Saturday, an enormous number of meetings up and down the country will be held with a view to focussing the tremendous interest everywhere apparent in the Women's Movement. Some of the postponed meetings to be addressed by Mrs. Pankhurst will be held next week at Bury and Bolton. Mrs. Pankhurst will speak at Cambridge on May 31, and will be in Manchester and the surrounding district in the early days of June. Miss Christabel Pankhurst will visit East Kent on July 1, holding a meeting in the Victoria Pavilion, Ramsgate. On Sunday next, too, the meetings in the London Parks, which have drawn such interested and sympathetic crowds in the past, will be resumed, while next Monday afternoon's meeting in the Scala Theatre, open to the public, at 3 p.m., will be of special interest, being the first after the pause inspired by respect for the late King. The speakers will be Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss G. Brackenbury, and the Rev. G. E. Startup.

"And Women Must Weep."

In our last issue we expressed our sympathy with the widowed Queen who had lost all that had made life dear to her. Sorrow is no respecter of persons, and touches rich and poor alike. This week our hearts go out in sympathy to those brave working women who are now overwhelmed by the most terrible catastrophe which has robbed them of husbands, sons, and brothers. By the frightful calamity at Whitehaven, no less than 130 brave miners have met an awful death, and there is sorrow in all the homes of which these men were the beloved breadwinners.

The White Slave Traffic.

The terrible question of the White Slave Traffic, the name of that system of the physical and moral degradation of womanhood which is unhappily still in our midst, has been the subject of various conferences lately. A Bill to strike at this disgraceful traffic has been introduced into the House of Commons, supported by the National Vigilance Association; while the International Conference on the same subject, which has just been held in Paris, has now published the articles agreed on. The chief points are that punishment should be inflicted upon anyone who has helped to lead into immoral courses, even with her consent, a woman under age, and also upon anyone who by means of threats or other constraint has led astray a woman over age. These facts seem to show that the public at large is waking up to the terrible need for reform in this matter. A great meeting in connection with this subject was also recently held at the Albert Hall, addressed by Lady Cook and the Rev. Hugh Chapman. It was, however, evident in that meeting that the speakers recognised that little could be done in the way of reform until women obtained the vote, and were thus able to have a voice in a question that so intimately concerns their sex.

Tyranny over Women Students.

The illogical and unfair attitude of Oxford and Cambridge Universities towards women will long be remembered against them even in a future happier state of things. While other universities have at last opened their doors to women, acknowledging even tardily that degrees depend upon ability and not upon sex, the two oldest foundations of learning allow women to sit and accept their fees, but refuse to grant degrees except to men. This is absurd enough, but an even more irritating step has just been taken. The University authorities consider that they have not sufficient control over these women students whom they themselves treat as pariahs, and have instituted a delegacy for the supervision and control of women students, their colleges, halls, hostels, etc. If women were admitted to degrees, they would, of course, submit to the same regulations as men students, but to subject them to severe control while denying them the fruits of their work is an insult added to injury.

How the Law Treats Women Workers.

One of the results of our democratic franchise is the making of laws to protect the worker, and the most far-reaching instance of this is the Workmen's Compensation Act. In this Act, after a struggle, domestic servants were included, but the law is still administered by men, and judging from a recent case at Wandsworth a gross injustice may be done to that section of the community which is not protected by a vote. In the case referred to, a domestic servant completely lost the sight of one eye through an accident arising directly out of her employment. She received during several months of incapacity a weekly sum from her mistress's insurance company; then she applied for compensation under the Act for loss of an eye. The judge upheld the view of the insurance company's doctor, that the girl with one eye was as effective as with two, and awarded the ridiculous sum of 1d. a week compensation.

Progress in the United States.

The Suffragists of New York State are rejoicing at the advance which their movement has made in the New York legislature this session. For the first time in 15

years the Woman Suffrage Bill has been saved from its usual entombment in the Judiciary Committee, and by friendly parliamentary tactics has been brought out for open discussion on the floor of the Assembly. Now, at last, the women know who are their enemies, for they have been forced to declare themselves. The motion to discharge the Committee from further consideration of the Bill was defeated by a vote of 85-46, but the assurance that the Bill has 46 good friends in the Assembly, and that among them is an Ex-Lieutenant Governor of the State, Mr. Lewis Stayveasant Chanler, who is proving himself to be a very active and powerful man, is good reason for satisfaction. The Equality League of Self-Supporting Women will hold a meeting at the Hudson Theatre in New York at the end of the legislative session, when a verbatim report of the discussion will be read, and Mrs. Stanton Blatch and other prominent speakers will answer the arguments against the Suffrage as they come up. The amendment of the State Constitution, which would enfranchise the women of New York, must first be passed by the Judiciary Committee, composed of all the members of both Chambers of the legislature, and then by each legislative Chamber separately, before it is presented to the men electors of the State for the final vote. The Suffragist parties of the State are now concentrating all their efforts on getting the Bill through the legislature so that the final stage, the reference to the popular vote, shall be reached at the next Constitutional Convention in 1914. They feel that the Bill's having passed the Judiciary Committee is one long step in that direction.

The Lady with the Lamp.

In another portion of this issue we publish an article on Miss Florence Nightingale, that famous and beloved woman who is still with us at the age of ninety years. Her name as a patriot is undying, and has been recognised by King and country, but to us Suffragettes there is a special lesson in the story of her early struggles, when she found that her desire to help England's neglected soldiers by that most womanly task of nursing, was criticised and misconstrued, that she was considered unwomanly, and that many complaints were made about her "masterfulness." In those early days it was not easy to be a pioneer; but, undaunted by a misconception of her motives that must have hurt her deeply, Miss Nightingale persevered and did the task for which every Briton is everlastingly grateful to her. She knew, as the members of the W.S.P.U. know, that a great object can only be won by going straight ahead, unheeding of those who criticise and do nothing.

Contents of this Issue.

This issue also contains a special portrait of Queen Mary, now the first woman in the land, who seems likely to prove as good a Queen as she is wife and mother and friend. In the leading article Miss Pankhurst calls upon all women to rally to the standard on June 18. Another chapter in the series entitled "Woman's Fight for the Vote," deals with those who criticise the militant methods as carried out in the famous deputations to the House of Commons, and, in addition to several interesting articles, other pages are devoted to the ever growing campaign which is carried on all over the country.

Items of Interest.

There has recently died in Australia a woman, Miss Catherine Spence, who to the very end of her long life of eighty years, worked for a system of proportional representation which she considered was a necessary reform in legislation. Men like John Stuart Mill, Lord Avebury and others interested in the subject considered that she had done more than any of themselves to make it a practical issue.

News comes from Chicago that 134 women there, members of an Association, intend to refuse to pay their taxes.

The *Globe* reminds us that it is proved by old records that in the fourteenth century in France women exercised the franchise.

The Congregational Union has decided, in giving evidence before the Divorce Commission, to urge that husbands and wives should be placed on a legal equality as regards unfaithfulness.

DEMONSTRATION POSTPONED.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Owing to the lamented death of the King, the Women's Social and Political Union have postponed their great Franchise Procession and Demonstration from Saturday afternoon, May 28, to Saturday evening, June 18.

Some particulars of the Procession and of the Meetings which have been suspended until after the funeral, will be found on p. 551, et seq.

WOMEN'S FIGHT FOR THE VOTE.

By Frederick W. Pethick Lawrence.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

Previous articles appeared in our issues of February 11, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6 and 13.)

What women are asking for.—The demand which women are making is simply and solely that sex shall not of itself be a disqualification for the possession of the Parliamentary franchise. Women suffragists have accordingly drafted a Bill which they desire to see carried into law. It is known as the Women's Enfranchisement Bill, and reads as follows:—

That in all acts relating to the qualification and registration of voters or persons entitled or claiming to be registered and to vote in the election of Members of Parliament, wherever words occur which import the masculine gender the same shall be held to include women for all purposes connected with and having reference to the right to be registered as voters, and to vote in such elections, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

The effect of the passage of this Bill will be immediately to confer the franchise upon all those women who possess the qualifications which at present entitle men to vote, and subsequently to secure that if any extension be made in the franchise law it shall affect men and women alike. It is estimated that about a million-and-a-quarter women will be immediately enfranchised by it. As there are at present between 7,000,000 and 8,000,000 male voters, this will mean that the female electorate will be about one-seventh of the whole.

The Meaning of the Parliamentary Vote.—The right to put a cross on a ballot paper which the possession of the Parliamentary vote confers is a symbolic act of citizenship. It is the means recognised by the law whereby the voter exercises his sovereign rights as one of the rulers of the country. Its immediate effect is to enable the voter to influence the selection of the man who is to represent his district in the House of Commons, and through him to control the legislation, taxation, and administration of the country. Though an isolated individual may not attach much importance to his own vote, it makes all the difference whether a whole class of individuals possesses the franchise or is excluded from it. What one single John Smith is unable to do a whole class of John Smiths not only can but will do. As illustrations may be noted the Trades Disputes Act, the Workmen's Compensation Act, and Old Age Pensions, which would never have become law if the working class had not been enfranchised.

Why Women Want the Vote.—In the first place, they desire to play their part in the life of the nation and introduce their point of view, so long neglected, into the government of the country. Among the matters decided in Parliament are questions of education, infant mortality, sweated labour, the conditions of women's work, the housing of the poor, the treatment of the poor and of criminals. Women feel deeply on all these questions, and when they are voters candidates of all political parties will find that in order to win their support at the polls they will have to set these questions in the forefront of their programmes. In the second place, women know that the possession of the vote is necessary to safeguard the interests of women. No human being is good enough to be entrusted with absolute power over another human being, and no section or class of a community is good enough to be trusted with absolute power over another section or class. At present the male electorate controls the making and the administering of the laws, and as a result the law is not fair to women, and it is also administered to their disadvantage. Finally, the vote is the hall-mark of citizenship, and confers a status which those who are excluded from it cannot possess.

Where the Law is Unjust to Women.—Those who oppose the granting of the franchise to women are the loudest in their claims that the place of women is in the home, yet it is precisely in the home that the rights of the man are by law entirely superior to those of the woman. The husband has the power to select where the home shall be and how it shall be conducted. In the eyes of the law he is the sole parent of the child so long as he is alive, and the decision as to the child's upbringing rests entirely with him. Whether the husband be good or bad, the wife is by law entirely subservient to him. She has no legal right to any share of the husband's income except in the case of actual desertion; and if, while continuing to live with her, he refuses to pay to her a single penny of his wages, she cannot obtain such payment except by breaking up her home and going into the workhouse. Short of this she and her children can starve, and yet she cannot claim the protection of the law to obtain maintenance from her husband. Finally, in the event of either party to the marriage being guilty of definite immorality, there is a total difference in the treatment accorded to husband and wife.

Women and the Administration.—In administering the country the Government has set up an entirely artificial differentiation between the sexes. In the first place, from a very large number of positions (including all the more important) women are excluded altogether, to the disadvantage of women, who are thus denied opportunities of well-paid employment, and to the disadvantage of the community, which is thus obliged to appoint a man where a woman might be more suitable, or have better qualifications. In the second place, where men and women are both employed, the woman receives a far smaller wage than the man for precisely the same work, as is the case with school inspectors, sanitary inspectors, post office employees, &c. Finally, the Government is one of the worst of sweaters in the wages it pays to women, either directly or through its sub-contractors in its Army clothing works and other departments.

Forty Years of Ladylike Methods.—Those who accuse the Suffragettes of impatience forget the forty years of "constitutional" agitation carried on from 1866 to 1906. At first women tried to get on to the register, and in one district 92 per cent. of the "qualified" women sent in claims. The case was, however, decided against them in the law courts—"Chorlton v. Lings." They then organised petitions, and in 14 years sent in over 9,000 petitions with over three million signatures. Next they held enthusiastic meetings in all the large towns of the country. Nevertheless they were omitted from the County Franchise Bill, and, at the express direction of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P.'s pledged to Woman Suffrage voted against an amendment to include women. After this betrayal women continued to pursue "peaceful" methods, and in 1897 a monster memorial, signed by 257,000 women, was presented to members of Parliament. But no notice was taken of it, and M.P.'s continued to ignore the agitation.

Militant Methods.—It is a mistaken idea that submission is a noble virtue. There are circumstances under which it may even be morally wrong. One of these arises when it is a case of submission to a breach of trust by a co-trustee. And women, to whom equally with men, the interests of other women, of children, and of the race as a whole are confided, would be wrong if they continued to submit to exclusion from their proper place in the nation's affairs. Because they have done so hitherto, a whole set of ideas necessary for the proper

evolution of the human race has been crushed out of existence. The commencement of militant methods by women meant that they were tired of being humbugged by politicians and had found out that pressure had to be adopted. This pressure could not be of the same kind as is used in other walks of life, because those who had no votes had no constitutional means of bringing pressure to bear on the Government. It had to be of an extraordinary or revolutionary kind. The men who won Magna Charta knew this, and so did those who broke the power of the Stuarts and those who won the Reform Bills of 1832 and 1867. And women have decided that if no other way is open to win their liberty even revolution will not be eschewed.

Origin of the Militant Campaign.—In the autumn of 1905 the general political outlook underwent a change. The sands of the Conservative Government were running out, and Sir Edward Grey came to Manchester to expound what Liberal policy would be if a Liberal Government came into power. The W.S.P.U., then two years old, determined to find out what the Liberal policy would be to women. Christabel Pankhurst and Annie Kenney went to Sir Edward Grey's meeting, and after his speech, at the proper time for questions, put a question to him on this point. He ignored the question. It was then sent up to him in writing, but it was still ignored; and as the meeting showed signs of breaking up, Christabel Pankhurst and Annie Kenney stood on their seats and pressed for an answer. The only answer they got was to be dragged out past the platform and flung into the street. There they started a protest meeting, but the police refused to allow them to proceed, and arrested them on a fabricated charge of assault. Brought before the magistrate the next day, they were sentenced to fine or imprisonment—Christabel Pankhurst to one week and Annie Kenney to three days—and both elected to go to prison. Thus did Sir Edward Grey prefer to see women flung out of his meeting and sent to prison rather than give an answer to one straightforward question.

The Four Years' War.—The story of the Government's action during the four years which followed was the development of the policy initiated by Sir Edward Grey at Manchester of first ignoring and then treating as mere rowdies the women who were determined to have their question dealt with. The only possible answer to be made by women—unless they were to give right in—was to try to compel the Government to listen to the women's case, to force them to argue it out on its merits, to accept violence at their hands rather than submit to remain voteless, and, if the Government proved obdurate, to appeal to a higher power—the electorate—to override them. Women began by heckling Cabinet ministers at their meetings and by seeking to approach the Prime Minister by deputation. When both these avenues were closed to them they made demonstrations in the street. They also worked at elections with considerable success to bring about the defeat of the Government nominees. In the early days of imprisonment women submitted to the full rigour of prison discipline, but realising that they were in this way allowing the rights of political prisoners to be abrogated, they started a prison mutiny and carried out the heroic hunger strike against which the Government adopted the barbarous practice of forcible feeding. Foiled in their attempt at breaking the spirit of the women, the Government have since decided to allot them better treatment. Meanwhile, following on the General Election, at which they were responsible for the defeat of 30 or 40 Government candidates, women have declared a truce to see whether sufficient has been done to bring politicians to a sense of their real duty.

Criticism of the Election Policy.—Critics of the anti-Government policy of the W.S.P.U. at elections represent it as "immoral," because it calls on Liberal electors to vote against a Liberal Government. This criticism is faulty, because it fails to recognise the transcendent importance of the Liberal principle of representation which must take precedence of other questions. They also say that it is unfair to the Government, who are not to blame; but a sounder knowledge of politics will teach them that it is only through the support of the Government that any Bill can be carried, and that it is the Government who by blocking the women's Bill have prevented women's enfranchisement. Nor is it unfair to Liberal candidates, because they, by consenting to stand as Liberals, have donned the Liberal party uniform, and must accept the odium as well as the prestige of the Liberal party flag. Critics also argue that a more expedient policy would be to support candidates individually "favourable"; they do not realise that women have already an overwhelming majority of "professing friends" in the House of Commons, and that what is now necessary is to bring the Government to reason by defeating their nominees at the polls. Finally, it is said that the policy is ineffective, and that votes are not turned. Here criticism is at variance with the evidence of facts.

Criticism of "Pestering" Cabinet Ministers.—Though "C.B." himself recommended "pestering people" Liberals have taken women to task for pestering Cabinet Ministers, urging that persuasion is better than coercion. Women answer that 40 years of persuasion availed nothing. Liberals further said that interrupting meetings was improper; they have, however, shown the hypocrisy of this criticism by their approbation of the Liberal "voice" which interrupted Conservative speakers; moreover, women did not interrupt till experience had shown that questions after the principal speech were disregarded. Later, when Cabinet Ministers excluded all women from their meetings, they found themselves confronted by women at other times and places; critics condemned this as bad manners, forgetting that he who blocks up the public way through his grounds cannot complain when the public trespass on his private property. When men interrupted in place of women critics falsely declared that they were paid for their work. When women, barred from access to the meeting hall, headed street demonstrations outside, or sent their protest in the form of a stone into the hall, critics condemned them for their lawless and dangerous behaviour. There is only one answer to be given to them: Revolutions cannot be made with rose-water; the blame for them rests not on those who are fighting for liberty, but on those who by denying justice make revolution the only available means to obtain redress.

CHAPTER XIII.

PART III—CRITICISM OF "RAIDS ON PARLIAMENT."

Of all the militant methods none have attracted more attention than the deputations to the Prime Minister at the House of Commons, or "the raids," as they are colloquially called.

Women, who are entirely unrepresented in either House of Legislature, claim the right to go in person to the Prime

Minister to lay their grievances before him. They claim this as the fundamental human right of the unrepresented to approach their ruler, and as the modern equivalent of the "right to petition the King" expressly secured to the subject by statute.

At certain times in their history, generally after some great meeting, at which the demand for the vote has been expressed (as, for instance, after the monster Hyde Park demonstration of 1908), the Women's Social and Political Union have requested Mr. Asquith to receive a deputation. This request he has invariably refused. Not only so, but since he has been Prime Minister he has refused to see any and every deputation of woman suffragists, to whatever society they may belong; thus he has refused the "constitutional" Suffragists, the head-mistresses, the women doctors, and others.

Faced with this refusal, the W.S.P.U. have endeavoured to get Mr. Asquith to reconsider his decision and to appoint time and place to see them. When this failed they have appointed time and place themselves, and gone forward to see him. To stop them he has called out the police, but they have persisted in trying to enter the House of Commons, where he was. In consequence a conflict has taken place between the women and the police, eventually leading to the arrest and imprisonment of the women.

Critics say that the women have no legal right to force an interview on the Prime Minister, and that if he does not wish to see them they must abandon the attempt; that the action which they have actually taken is lawless, unwomanly, violent and fraught with danger to the public.

To this criticism women reply that though the strict letter of the law has been declared to be against their claim to force Mr. Asquith to see them, nevertheless there is a constitutional and moral obligation upon him to do so; that to allow the Prime Minister arbitrarily and invariably to refuse to see a deputation from an important section of the community (particularly when that section has no direct means of representation) would be highly dangerous to the well-being of the State.

If their action be lawless, then it is better to break the law in defence of liberty, than by a tame submission to unjust laws to allow liberties to be filched away. As the Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone said:—

I am sorry to say that if no instructions had ever been addressed in political crises to the people of this country, except to remember to hate violence and love order and exercise patience, the liberties of this country would never have been attained.

As to the charge of unwomanliness, the record of the greatest women of the past—of Joan of Arc, of Florence Nightingale, of Josephine Butler, of a multitude of others—shows that this charge is always made against those who, regardless of the consequences to themselves, have bravely encountered the forces of opposition and pushed forward the cause of humanity.

As to the charge of violence, women point with pride to the remarkable moderation with which the campaign has been conducted by them. "If this had been a men's battle," a policeman was heard to remark once during a raid "there would have been bloodshed long before this." In fact when men are in earnest it is almost expected that they shall be violent about it. Sir Rufus Isaacs, speaking recently at Reading, made a kind of apology for the absence of rioting in the present anti-Lords campaign, and excused it on the ground that men had now got the franchise. Violence on the part of men is regarded under sufficiently provocative circumstances as a sign of virility.

Women are fully alive to the possibility of danger to the public, that is why, in the face of the strongest provocation they abstained for years from anything in the nature of aggressive violence in the course of their raids, and contented themselves with passive resistance to the police, combined with an attempt to push their way through them.

At length, however, finding that the technical offence of obstructing the police was punished by long sentences of three months in the second division (as an alternative to the impossible condition of being bound over to keep the peace), they decided that more vigorous action was necessary. Even then they were careful to avoid risk of injury to individuals, and contented themselves with breaking the windows of empty Government buildings.

Where great crowds come together it is of course impossible to banish all element of risk; but in every great cause, fought out on the wide stage of life, danger is always present not merely to the actors but to the onlookers. Women have not lightly come into this conflict. All the greatest risks they cheerfully accept themselves; by remarkable self-restraint and moderation they have reduced all risk to outsiders to a minimum. But they know that liberty and honour are greater than peace and safety, and that whatever is necessary must be faced in the great cause. For in the freedom of women lies the hope of the people, and the uplifting of the nation.

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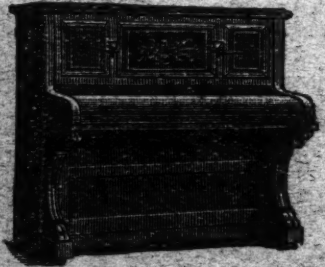
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SOME BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

"Articles of Faith."

On the morning after one of the "raids on Parliament," one of the daily papers announced that "a man called Laurence Housman" had been ejected from the Lobby of the House of Commons for making a speech there on Votes for Women. It was true; the distinguished writer—the man called Laurence Housman—had decided to give expression to his view that deeds are more than words, and to be "counted among the transgressors" for the sake of the faith that was in him.

That is why his writings on Votes for Women, clear, logical and convincing as they are, count for so much more than mere words can ever count. They count as the words of a real man.

The little book, "Articles of Faith in the Freedom of Women," which Mr. Fiffeld has just published, contains a series of articles by Mr. Laurence Housman dealing with the Votes for Women controversy. They include chapters with such attractive titles as "Right of Way," "The Physical Force Fallacy," "Colour Blind," "What is Womanly," "The Sand Castle," and others. The delightful parody, "Woman this and Woman that," is also included. Many of these have appeared at different times in the columns of VOTES FOR WOMEN; others have first seen the light in other suffrage papers.

Readers of VOTES FOR WOMEN will be glad to obtain them in a permanent form. The little book, which is attractively got up, can be obtained from the Women's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, price 6d. net.

"Why?"

It is not long since Elizabeth Robins very generously allowed us to publish in these columns a series of articles under the provocative title "Why?"

It is very good news to learn that the Women Writers' League have now produced the series in a charming little book which can be had from the Women's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, for the very small price of 3d.

After answering in her own specially successful way the interrogations of the supposed interlocutor, Elizabeth Robins concludes by putting a poser of her own. "Tell us," she says, "why men think themselves fitter to judge of our need than we? Tell us how, without inextinguishable laughter, men can imagine themselves to be the sole repositories of wisdom."

We commend the book for the conversion of the Philistine.

"Woman and Suffragist."

Some interesting arguments based on the stories of women of the past are to be found in a little pamphlet "Woman and Suffragist," by A. Larard, published by the Garden City Press, price 2d. The pamphlet is called "A Reply to Marie Corelli."

Two Books of Verse.

An interesting volume of short poems is "Insurrections," by James Stephens, issued at 1s. net, by Maunsel and Co., Ltd., Dublin. The poems show a sense of music, particularly such a one as "Chill of the Eve," and a sense of tragedy (which is never far from Irish poetry) in such poems as "The Dancer" and "The Street Behind Yours"; but especially interesting are the poems which show an extraordinary conception of the women's point of view. In "The Red-Haired Man's Wife," Mr. Stephens shows the feeling of a woman who had married and given up herself and her individuality to her husband. It ends, however, with the protest:—

"I am separate still,
I am I and not you:
And my mind and my will,
As in secret they grew,
Still are secret, unreachd, and untouched, and
Not subject to you."

Something of the same feeling is represented in the poem, "The Rebel," where a woman asks "To live, to feel, to know," and rebels at being cook and housekeeper and toy. She says:—

"I cannot love if love be slavery.
I hear the free wind rush and sing.
Must I live in a net?"

This little volume is well worth knowing.

Another book of poems from Messrs. Maunsel is entitled "The Bell-Branch" by James H. Cousins. Here the poems, though uneven, are inspired by a sense of beauty. To us, of course, the three poems of greatest interest are the sonnets concerning the women's fight for freedom. He taunts England for calling on the name of Freedom, whose face will never be seen until man and woman share equal rights.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"The Englishwoman"—May. (London: Sidgwick & Jackson, Ltd. 1s. net.)

"The Diary of a Faithless Husband." By Ella Wheeler Wilcox. (London: Gay & Hancock. 1s. net.)

"Suffrage and Service." By John H. Burton. (London: Wm. Clowes & Sons. 6d. net.)

"Twentieth Century Magazine." (Boston: Twentieth Century Co. 25 cents.)

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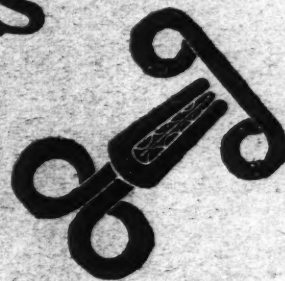
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FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

During the past week we have had cause for rejoicing
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of the age has been spared to remind us that the great
women of the nineteenth century are still represented
among us.

On May 12 Florence Nightingale reached her 90th
birthday, and the thanks and gratitude of all the British
Empire, indeed of the whole world, are typified in the kindly
letter sent to her by King George V. But a huge debt of
gratitude is owed to her by all Suffragists, for she, like
Elizabeth Fry and Josephine Butler, has set us an example
of what a woman can accomplish, and has supplied us with
an unanswerable argument against those who still assert
that women cannot take part in public life. To have such
a woman still among us is an inspiration to the fighters
of the latest battle for liberty.

Curiously enough Miss Nightingale was born, on May 12,
1820, in the city of Florence, where the Brownings so long
held their renowned ménage. The truly "liberal education"
which she possessed led her early in life to study sociological
problems, and turned her mind to the cause of philanthropy.

She spent several important months of her life in 1851 at
Kaiserswerth on the Rhine, at the Institute of the Protestant
Sisters of Mercy, where she was able to study nursing on
scientific principles and the working of hospitals and
schools. The experience so gained was invaluable to her,
for Kaiserswerth was judged to be the best nursing institu-
tion in the world.

When she returned to England she applied herself for
some time to organising a Sanatorium for the Governesses'
Benevolent Institution in Harley Street. This excellent
institute was almost at the point of extinction for want of
support, but Florence Nightingale threw herself with ardour
into the work and put it on a sound and efficient basis. The
lot of the governess in those days was a very unenviable one,
but by reorganising their Institution the philanthropist did
much to help her down-trodden sisters.

Work such as this prepared her for the far greater deed
for which she is famous. War was declared by England
and France against Russia on March 28, 1854, and the great
battle of the Alma was fought on September 20. By this
time the cruel Russian winter had descended upon the
entrenched armies, causing great misery, for in those days
the means of communication were difficult and the com-
missariat totally inefficient. The result was terrible suffering
among the English, whilst the wounded were practically
uncared for, and dying in numbers in the inefficient military
hospitals.

Then it was that Florence Nightingale came forward.
She undertook the organisation of a band of nurses who
should go out to the Crimea. Amongst them were several
foreign Sisters of Mercy, chosen by Miss Nightingale
because of their efficiency and experience. The fact that
she took "Romanists" with her roused much criticism at
the time, but proves to us of a later generation that she
was a wide-minded woman, whose only desire was efficiency,
and who rose above convention.

The debt that the nation owes to her is enormous, for at
that time the soldiers of France were being splendidly
nursed by French Sisters of Mercy. Florence Nightingale
saved England from the blot of leaving her soldiers uncared
for. She went armed with the authority of the Govern-
ment and established her famous hospital at Scutari.
Although she was bound on such Christian work, the news-
papers of the time apologised for her and laid stress upon
her "womanliness," because there were many who criti-
cised her as unsexed and unwomanly. Those who at this
time are fighting the woman's battle for freedom remember
that ridicule and abuse is the lot of every reformer who
leads a new crusade, as was exemplified in the case of
Florence Nightingale. We read with interest the opinion
of a newspaper of that day, which speaks of "the pseudo-
modest who would stultify woman's mind, paralyse her life
and mutilate her noblest deeds by that fatal formula, 'It is
not woman's work.'" How she established order where
chaos had been, nursed the wounded back to life, and
soothed the last hours of the dying is a glorious page in
English history. The nation showed its gratitude to her by
subscribing to a testimonial fund which quickly rose to
£50,000, but which, at Florence Nightingale's desire, was
devoted to the founding of an institution for the training of
nurses, which is now known as the "Nightingale Home" at
St. Thomas's Hospital. It is more than a training hospital
that we owe to this illustrious woman, for to her is due the
hospital system of England, which is now acknowledged to
be the best and most efficient in the world.

Florence Nightingale has never ceased to work in the
cause of philanthropy. Her tireless energy found vent in
other objects besides that of nursing. At one time she was
greatly interested in prison reform, and even helped to
found a small penitentiary for released female prisoners.

During the Civil War in America she was often consulted
on questions affecting the health of the army and the assist-
ance to the wounded in the field. She was consulted by
German authorities during the Franco-German war. Such
facts as these testify to the world-wide fame of the
"Crimean Heroine." At home she published various works
on nursing and sanitation.

It is, of course, well known that Florence Nightingale
has been nearly all her life a true Suffragist. She was no
doubt led to Woman Suffrage by John Stuart Mill, who
in a famous letter urged her to "stand out" upon the
question, as at first she considered that she would help on
the reform better by merely working in that particular
branch of philanthropy which she had made her own. As

a result she was of those who signed one of the early
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The late King valued her national services greatly, for he
bestowed upon her the Order of Merit, a fact worthy of
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It is estimated that when this claim has been conceded about a million and a quarter women will possess the vote in addition to the seven and a half million men who are at present enfranchised.

The Women's Social and Political Union claim that a simple measure, giving the vote to women on these terms, shall be passed immediately.

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THE SISTERHOOD OF WOMEN.

With the laying to rest of King Edward, the stillness that has lain upon the nation will come to an end. The time of watching will be over, and the insistent call to action will make itself heard, for we cannot better do honour to the dead than by doing our duty to the

living; and every movement for social regeneration, above all, the movement for women's enfranchisement, claims the speedy return to its ranks of each and every soldier.

The general impression is that the General Election will not now take place in June, but will be deferred until the coming autumn, or even until the beginning of next year. This postponement will not in any way diminish the chance of obtaining votes for women in the present Session. Indeed, it is likely to facilitate the passage of a Women's Enfranchisement Bill, for not only will there be more time to spare for the discussion of the Bill, but owing to the postponement of the Lords' Veto crisis, the Parliamentary atmosphere will be calmer, and the consideration of our question therefore easier. In the meantime, everything possible must be done to draw attention to the possibility of settling the Votes for Women question this year, and public opinion must be concentrated with this end in view.

The immediate task of all suffragists is to work for the success of the forthcoming great Procession. This is now to be held on Saturday evening, June 18. Organised though it is by the Women's Social and Political Union, the ranks of this Procession are open to every woman who wants the vote. The members of the various suffrage societies, those who are not as yet members of any society at all, militant suffragists, non-militant suffragists—all are welcome in the great Procession. We want on June 18, as far as may be, to make visible the great movement for women's enfranchisement. Any suffragist who, on that day, elects to stand out of the ranks will be diminishing the strength and volume of the demand which will go out from this great concourse of women to the Government. And how much poorer she herself will be because of the knowledge that while she sits at home, the flag is flying, the drums are beating, and her sister women in their thousands are marching through London to demand political freedom!

It is surely their representative character which does most to make this and other women's processions remarkable. A procession of men for any political object consists of one class alone, for where men are concerned it has hitherto proved impossible to bring about any real fusion between the classes. Men's processions are composed solely of the artisan and the labourer; while women, on the other hand, have learnt to cast these class distinctions aside. Thus, on June 18, as on other occasions in the past, those who march in the Procession will include women who are rich as well as those who are poor, and women of every social degree. Everything which separates will be forgotten, and only that which unites will be remembered.

The Women's Social and Political Union has organised many peaceable demonstrations in the past, but none of these has aroused so ready a response amongst women as the one now in view. The invitation to join the Procession is having a very wide acceptance. The old reluctance to march in procession seems to have died out, and women now feel it to be a privilege to make this open confession of their political faith.

June 18 will be something more than a political demonstration; it will be a festival at which we shall celebrate the sisterhood of women. According to the old tale of men's making, it is not in women to unite and to work with one another. Women have only now discovered the falsity of this, and they are rejoicing in their new-found sisterhood.

As a political demonstration the Procession will, of course, have a unique and unparalleled importance. These thousands of women, in their own person, and because of the many others whom they represent, will constitute a force which politicians cannot well afford to disregard.

Four weeks remain before the completion of the work which will bring us success on the great day. We urge all women who understand the importance of the Procession to take an active and responsible part in the preparations for it. Every woman is in herself a centre of influence. Let her then bring all those within her sphere of influence to the Embankment on the 18th of June. There is also a wider work to do in bringing the knowledge of the Procession to the general public. The organisers of the Procession invite the readers of VOTES FOR WOMEN to send in to them at Clements Inn without delay offers of help.

Christabel Pankhurst.

BRITISH ROYAL WOMEN.

By F. E. M. Macaulay.

Only nine short years ago one of the greatest of our Queens Regnant was borne to her last resting-place amid the mourning of a mighty Empire. To-day, the heart of every British woman goes out in loving sympathy to the pathetic figure of the bereaved Queen Mother, while the nation shares the hope, expressed in King George's recent words, that the new Queen Consort will be to him a constant helpmate in every endeavour for their people's good.

There is no more convincing proof of the part formerly played by British women in public affairs than the position occupied by Royal women in this country. It shows conclusively how entirely foreign to the spirit of the British Constitution is any kind of sex-disqualification, and how absurd is the contention that women are incapable of taking their share in political life.

Queens Regnant.

That the mere fact of being born a woman did not prevent an individual otherwise qualified for that exalted station, from performing its highest functions, has always been maintained in the case of Queens Regnant. This was so from the beginning of our history. Tacitus says that the Britons "admit of no distinction of sex in their Royal successions." Boadicea, who was, according to the historian, "not unaccustomed to address the public," shrank from none of the onerous responsibilities of sovereignty, and perished in battle defending the country she governed.

The Saxons, too, had their Queens Regnant. Of one of these, Sexburga, Queen of the West Saxons (A.D. 672), William of Malmesbury observes admiringly that "there was not wanting to this woman a great spirit to discharge the duties of the kingdom. She levied new armies, kept the old ones to duty, governed her subjects with clemency, kept her enemies quiet with threats—in a word, did everything at that rate that there was no other difference between her and any King in management except her sex."

To come to later days, Mary Tudor, almost immediately on her accession, by Statute I. Mary c. III., determined the high office of Queen Regnant "by Statute to be so clear that none but the malicious and ignorant could be induced and persuaded into this Error and Folly to think that her Highness could ne should have, enjoye, and use, such like Royal Authority, nor doo ne execute and use all things concerning the Statutes (in which only the name of the King was expressed) as the Kinges of this Realme, her most noble Progenitours, have heretofore doon, used and executed." These words, rightly understood, form the Charter of every duly qualified woman who demands to be allowed to perform the duties of the office for which she has qualified.

Under the next Queen Regnant, Elizabeth, and thanks to her magnificent administrative ability and political insight, the country passed safely through great perils to one of the most splendid periods of our national history, while to-day we are enjoying the fruits of the reign of the last Queen Regnant, Victoria the Good.

Queens Consort.

From the earliest times a very important part has been played in the State by the Queens Consort. Together with Kings and Nobles they sat in the Great Councils and gave their consent to the various grants and measures given and enacted. Thus, according to Gurdon, at Wigtred's Witenagemot at Berghamsted, his laws "were made with the advice and consent of his Witas, (and) signed by the King, Werburg his Queen, the Bishops, Abbots, Abbesses, and the rest of the Witas." Also the decisions at the same King's Council at Beonceld were signed by the Queen and Abbesses as well as by the King and Abbots.

The signatures to the various charters of that time bear witness to the dignified activity of the Queens Consort. Edward the Confessor, the lover of Westminster, not only signs his charter to St. Peter's himself, but "Ego Editha Regina huic donationi Regie consensiens subscripsi", and again, after the King's signature to another document, the same Royal Lady writes, "Ego Editha Regina omni alacritate mentis hoc corroboravi." Charter after charter bears similar dignified attestation: "Ego Editha Regina," "Ethelwith Regina," "Ego Alfgita Regina," the last-named being the wife of the great King Knut. In connection with this custom, Selden tells us that at one time "the Queen-wife of England also superscribed her name over their warrants or letters of public direction or command."

Queens Regent.

Often, too, in those troubled times when war necessitated the absence of the King, the heavy responsibility of the office of Queen Regent devolved on the Queen Consort.

England was several times left in the care of Queen Matilda by her husband, William the Conqueror; and Queen Philippa, ruling for King Edward III. during his absence in France, defeated and took prisoner at Neville's Cross the invading Scottish King. Catherine Parr was made Governor of the kingdom by Henry VIII., while he was abroad on his last French war, and his trust in his wife's judgment seems to have been complete and well founded.

The office of Queen Regent has also been worthily filled by a Queen Mother. Eleanor of Guienne was appointed by her son, Richard I., Regent of the kingdom during his absence. According to Mrs. Stopes,* to whose patient and invaluable research-work much of this article is indebted, "She sat as Judge in the Curia Regis, taking her seat on the King's Bench by right of her office."

Whether, then, as Queens Regnant, Queens Consort, or Queens Regent, our British Royal women have done splendid service for the country over which they reigned. May our present gracious Queen Mary have one additional honour—that of aiding and witnessing the emancipation of her fellow-countrywomen, the very dullest of whom must hear the example, if not the voice, of their Queen calling to them, "Wake up, Englishwomen."

W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Special Notice.

As already announced in last week's VOTES FOR WOMEN, owing to the lamented death of the King, the Women's Social and Political Union have decided to postpone their great Franchise Procession and Demonstration from Saturday afternoon, May 28, to Saturday evening, June 18.

The Procession on June 18 will form up on the Embankment at 5.30 and start at 6.30. The meeting in the Albert Hall will be held at 8.30, doors open at 8. The present tickets for the meeting will hold good and need not be exchanged. Members having passed tickets on to friends are requested to inform them of the alteration in time and date. Those holding tickets which they are unable to use may, if they please, return them to the ticket secretary W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, who will refund the money.

London Meetings Resumed.

After to-day (Friday), the day of the King's funeral, the regular meetings abandoned out of respect to the late King will be resumed, and others postponed for the same reason will be held. Next Sunday there will be meetings in the London parks, and on Monday (23rd), all who are interested in the movement are invited to attend a public meeting in the Scala Theatre, Charlotte Street, at 3 p.m. The speakers will be Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss Georgina Brackenbury, and the Rev. G. E. Startup. Next Thursday, at 8 p.m., another meeting free to the public will be held in St. James' Hall, Great Portland Street, at 8 p.m., when the speakers will include Mrs. Portwee, the sister of Miss Deima Moore, who is doing splendid work in Battersea. Miss Christabel Pankhurst will take the chair.

Dates of Postponed Meetings.

Among the postponed meetings is one at Cambridge (arranged by the Men's League for Women's Suffrage) to be addressed by Mrs. Pankhurst; this will take place on May 31. A meeting specially arranged to give stenographers and clerks an opportunity of hearing Mrs. Pankhurst which was to have taken place to-day will be held on June 10, at 7 p.m. Miss Christabel Pankhurst will address the special meeting for Civil servants (also postponed owing to the King's death) on June 3, at 5.30 p.m. Both these meetings will be at Winchester House, Old Broad Street, E.C. The dates of other postponed meetings in Lancashire (including Bury and Bolton next week) will be found on pp. 552-4.

W.S.P.U. offices, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

These offices are closed to-day (Friday) on account of the Royal funeral.

Mr. Housman's New Book.

Readers will be glad to know that Mr. Laurence Housman's book, "Articles of Faith," reviewed in this week's VOTES FOR WOMEN, is on sale at the Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C., price 6d. net.

TREASURER'S NOTE.

In the absence of the Treasurer, who is spending a short holiday in Bavaria, it is exceedingly satisfactory to be able to report a considerable strengthening of the sinews of war during the past week. Self-Denial cards have rained in upon us with commendable punctuality, and in such numbers that we find it impossible to acknowledge in this column more than the result of the first three days "catch." The remainder must perforce wait over until next week. We thank our members and friends for their splendid help and co-operation in this work of primary importance, the presentation to politicians and the general public of an argument that they never fail to understand, viz., that of pounds, shillings, and pence.

M. T.

* "British Free Women" and "The Sphere of Man and Woman in the Constitution," by Mrs. C. C. Stopes. To be obtained from the Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.

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Mrs. A. Singer 7 9 0	Miss Sands 0 0 6
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Mrs. J. Bain and Sons 0 13 0	Miss Winter 0 5 0
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Miss Brooks, B.A. 1 0 0	Miss Soar 0 1 6
Lady Constance Lytton 1 7 3	Miss Smith 0 1 0
Profit on Stall "V. F. W." 2 2 3	Miss P. G. Roberts 0 5 0
Per Miss A. Kenney 1 11 0	Barrel Organ 2 12 5
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Per Miss Macaulay 0 10 0	Mrs. D. M. Coffman 0 2 0
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Mrs. Graham 0 10 0	Anon. 0 5 0
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Miss M. Mills 0 5 0	Mrs. Ayton 0 10 0
Per Miss Williams 0 4 6	Miss Cay 0 10 0
Miss Dawson 0 10 0	Miss M. Page 1 0 0
Lady Blake 0 10 0	Miss Lott 0 2 6
J. M. 0 1 0	Miss Mayhew 0 2 6
A. W. 0 1 0	Miss Steward 1 0 0
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Mrs. B. Lowy (do.) 12 0 0	Miss Emma Brown 0 2 6
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Miss M. W. West (do.) 0 10 0	Mrs. Parsons 0 2 6
Miss O. Wroughton 0 3 0	Miss S. W. Crocker 0 5 0
For Scottish Exhibition.	The Misses Reid 1 0 0
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Mrs. Fraser 0 10 0	Miss M. Pool 0 10 0
Miss Barrowman 0 10 0	P. P. 0 10 0
Messrs. Annan 1 11 6	Miss B. Burditt 0 8 0
Sale Bazaar Books 4 6 8	Miss F. H. Barlow 0 5 0
Miss I. Snow 0 5 6	Anon. 0 13 6
Per Mrs. Turner 2 2 0	Miss L. Stevens 0 7 6
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Per Miss Barrett 0 41 0	Miss W. F. Buckley 0 2 6
Miss Jeffrey 0 4 0	Miss Jesse Wade 0 10 0
Mrs. D. A. Thomas 5 8 0	Miss M. Mackelvie 0 0 1
Mrs. Mitchell 1 0 0	Miss G. Naylor 0 10 0
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Mrs. Baillie-Weaver 0 10 0	Mrs. E. Cahill 0 2 6
Miss R. Crandon Gill 0 3 6	Mrs. Beroyd 1 0 0
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Miss B. Duplantier 0 10 0	Miss L. C. Barr 0 5 8
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Miss B. Anderson 0 4 6	Mrs. D. M. O. Granville 0 5 0
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Miss M. Smith 0 8 0	Miss N. Sherriff 0 0 9
Miss M. Macgregor 0 2 6	Miss Symonds 0 2 6
Miss A. V. A. Roberts 0 4 9	Lady Emily Lutens 0 10 0
Miss L. Turner 0 5 0	Miss B. Brewster 0 10 0
Mrs. Tapson 1 0 0	Miss C. E. Pine 0 12 0
Mrs. & Miss B. Wright 1 0 0	Miss G. A. Carr 0 10 0
Per Mrs. Clarke 0 10 0	Mrs. Harrison-Broadley 0 10 0
Mrs. Froguard 0 2 6	Miss A. Russell 0 13 0
Mrs. Mackworth 1 10 0	The Misses Allen 1 0 0
Per Mrs. Burns 0 5 0	Mrs. F. Vernon Wentworth 1 0 0
Miss R. Anderson 0 5 0	Miss B. Loveday 0 2 6
Miss Chapman 0 2 6	Miss D. Lazarnick 0 7 8
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Mrs. Nicholson 0 2 6	Miss M. E. Matland 0 15 0
Miss A. C. Watt 0 2 6	Mrs. E. Mann 1 0 0
Miss A. C. Scott 0 5 0	Mrs. C. E. Kelsey 0 10 0
Miss M. B. Scott 0 5 0	Mrs. Bamfield 1 0 0
Per Mrs. Clarke 0 2 6	Mrs. J. Mackenzie 0 12 2
Miss Bennett 0 2 6	Miss B. Jenkinson 0 5 0
Per Miss Crocker and Miss Roberts 0 1 6	Miss Alice Spencer 1 0 0
Miss Clark 0 1 6	Mrs. M. Charter 0 10 6
Miss Hutchinson 0 5 0	Miss C. Hunter 0 15 0
Mrs. Hutchinson 0 10 0	Mrs. C. B. Brown 0 6 0
Miss Bullock 0 2 0	Miss A. Murphy 0 1 0
Miss Bullock (per) 0 2 0	Miss G. A. Richard 0 9 4
Miss Crook 0 2 0	Miss N. Marks 0 12 6
Miss Crook 0 1 0	Miss R. E. Barnard 1 15 6
Miss Johnson 0 2 6	Mrs. van der Veer Quick 1 0 0
Miss H. R. Evans 0 1 0	Miss G. B. Llewellyn 1 0 0
Miss Groves 0 0 6	Miss Jean Forsyth 1 0 0
Miss Hearn 0 5 0	Miss B. Lawrence 0 2 6
W. W. Crook, Esq. 0 2 6	Miss B. Morris 0 2 6
Mrs. Denman 0 2 0	Miss A. Chorley 0 8 6
Mrs. Barber 0 2 6	Miss M. F. Logro 0 10 6
The Misses Clarke 0 1 6	Miss A. M. Walker 1 0 0
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Miss Bagley 0 3 0	Mrs. Evans 0 10 8
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Mr. and Mrs. Cox 1 0 0	Per Miss Barrett 34 1 0
Miss Greenall 0 1 0	Per Miss Burns 1 4 4
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	Per Miss Conlan 9 10 2
	Per Miss Flatman 0 9 1
	Per Miss A. Kenney 1 0 3 3
	Per Miss Macaulay 0 12 3
	Per Miss Mills 0 3 10
	Per Miss Roe 49 1 7
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Owing to the large number of Self-Denial subscriptions received this list only extends over three days.

PREPARING FOR JUNE 18.

Chief Marshal ... Miss Jessie Kenney.
Chief Steward ... Miss Hambling.
Procession Secretary ... Miss Olive Smith.
Banners & Colours Secretary ... Miss Irene Dallas.
Votes for Women Sellers on the route ... Miss Annie Ainsworth.

Organisers of Contingents.

Women Graduates—Medical ... Dr. L. Garrett Anderson, 114a, Harley St. W.

Science & Arts

Miss Effie Marsden, 82, Redcliffe Gardens, S.W.

Teachers ... Miss Cameron.

Gymnastic Teachers ... Mrs. E. Adair Impy, Crophorne, King's Norton, Birmingham.

Nurses ... Miss Buckley, Hon. Sec.; Miss Pine, Miss Townsend.

Civil Servants, Stenographers and Clerks ... Miss C. A. L. Marsh.

Young Ladies in Business Houses ... Miss Vibert and Miss Fergus.

Musicians ... Lady Constance Lytton and Miss Esther Palliser, Hon. Secs.

Women Chemists ... Miss Gilliat, Western Hospital, Fulham.

Foreign Contingents ... Miss Foxall, 1a, Stirling Mansions, Canfield Gardens, N.W.

Irish Contingent ... Miss Lennox.

Outdoor Campaign ... Miss Hasler.

Letters to these Organisers (unless otherwise specified) should be addressed to them at the W.S.P.U. Offices, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

The great stream of preparations for the Procession, which has been held back for two weeks out of respect to the memory of King Edward will now flow on with unabated vigour. The Procession has been postponed until Saturday, June 18th, and during the next four weeks all the special Organisers and their friends will be straining every nerve to let women everywhere in Great Britain know the real meaning of the Demonstration and the reasons why it must and will be such a splendid and triumphant success. All the chief professions and trades will be represented, and names of well-known women who will take part are reaching the office in large numbers. In addition to this, women from many different countries will march under special banners. Meetings will once again be in full swing and full reports of the work done will appear in next week's issue. In the meantime we publish below details from a few of the workers.

REPORTS FROM ORGANISERS.

Civil Servants, Stenographers and Clerks.

Organiser: Miss C. A. L. Marsh, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

BANNERS.—Contributions to both the Civil Servants' banner and the Clerks' banner will be gladly received by the Organiser. Each will cost 3 guineas, and 10s. will cover the cost of poles for both.

CIVIL SERVANTS.—The Special Meeting, at which Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B., will speak, with Mrs. Eates in the chair, is to be at Winchester House on Friday, June 3rd, at 5.30 p.m.

TYPISTS AND STENOGRAPHERS.—On Friday, June 10th, at 7 p.m., Mrs. Pankhurst will address clerks and typists at Winchester House. Miss Douglas Smith will be in the chair.

Admission to both meetings is free, and special invitation cards are now ready.

In order that these meetings may be a huge success, in spite of the alteration of dates, members are urged to double their energies in making them known.

WORKERS' MEETINGS.—At 4, Clements Inn: Civil Servants, Monday, May 23rd, at 5.30 p.m.; Typists and Clerks, Wednesday, May 25, at 6.45 p.m.

Teachers.

Organiser: Miss M. Cameron, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

The Drawing-room Meeting arranged for to-day at 36, King's Avenue, Clapham, by kind permission of Mrs. Murrell, is postponed until June 9th at 7.30. Will all teachers in that district take note of this change, and remember to come on the 9th and to bring friends with them? On the same date a meeting will be held at 23, Russell Square, at 6 p.m., when Lady Emily Lutyens will take the chair and Mrs. Massey will be the speaker. All teachers who find this convenient are welcome to come and bring friends.

A great many other meetings will be held between June 1st and 14th.

Offers of drawing-rooms will be gladly received, and anyone who has spare time should communicate with Miss Margaret Cameron, who will be very glad of help. It is hoped that teachers will turn out in record numbers to demand the Vote on June 18th.

Musicians.

Hon. Secs.: Lady Constance Lytton and Miss Esther Palliser.

Will all musicians desiring to walk in the Procession communicate with either of the above at 4, Clements Inn? There has already been a splendid response from musicians. It is hoped that this section will be very representative.

Irish Contingent.

Organiser: Miss Lennox, 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

Irish members in London have responded loyally to the appeal, and letters are arriving daily from women who wish to walk under the flag from Old Ireland. This is only the beginning, and for the next few weeks all Irishwomen must become recruiting sergeants and invite their friends to join in making this Irish contingent a great success, and so give a real "Cead Mille Failthe" to our friends from the Emerald Isle. A meeting will be held on Friday, the 27th, at 4, Clements Inn, at 8 p.m. Will all those who have sent in their names come and bring others with them? Members and friends are again reminded that unless immediate application is made for tickets, the chances of getting into the Albert Hall are small. Those joining the contingent are asked to dress, if possible, in green, or in colours that will not clash with orange or green. Names of those wishing to join in the Procession should be sent to Miss Shannon, Antient Concert Buildings, Great Brunswick Street, Dublin; or to Miss Lennox, 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

Foreign Contingents.

Hon. Sec. Miss Foxall, 1a, Stirling Mansions, Canfield Gardens, N.W.

Active work in connection with contingents from foreign countries continues, and any woman from Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Denmark, Norway, France, or elsewhere, desiring to walk in the Procession, is asked to communicate with Miss Foxall. Miss Freeman is organising the American contingent, and points out that, owing to the postponement of the Demonstration until later in the season (June 18), it should be possible for a very much larger number of American women, resident or visiting, to join in the Procession. Will they communicate with Miss Freeman, at 4, Clements Inn, W.C., without delay?

University Section.

Hon. Secs. Arts and Science: Miss Effie Marsden, 82, Redcliffe Gardens, London, S.W. Medicine: Dr. L. Garrett Anderson, 114a, Harley Street, London, W.

Arrangements in connection with this section are practically completed, and the circulars, with the alterations necessitated by the postponement of the Procession, will be issued in a few days' time. The committee have been able to secure the St. James' Room, Hotel Metropole, on June 18, so that the arrangements for robing, previously announced, fortunately remain unchanged. Messrs. Ede & Son, 95 Chancery Lane, will supply academic dress on special terms to graduates and undergraduates taking part in the Procession. All robes must be ordered in advance and will be brought to the St. James' Room by attendants from Messrs. Ede's. Hats, etc., will be conveyed from the hotel to the Albert Hall, where they will be found after the meeting, and where hired robes can be returned. Application for tickets (price 1s. each) for places in the Albert Hall reserved for graduates wearing academic dress should be made at once to the Hon. Secs.

It should be clearly understood that the University section is independent of any suffrage society. It is managed by a representative committee of Suffragists who are strongly of opinion that those women who have satisfied the intellectual qualification for enfranchisement can put forward a strong claim for the Vote. This position is unique, and it is one which appeals with great force to the public. By wearing academic dress they put forward an intellectual claim, and it is felt that it is more logical and more effective to do so on a purely academic basis. A fund has been started for the hire of robes, etc. Donations to it and applications for grants from it should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Miss Douie, M.A., M.B., 55, Haverstock Hill, Hampstead, N.W. The section will walk under a banner inscribed with the words "University Section," and there will also be banners representing the faculties of Arts, Science, and Medicine. The offer of college and university banners suitable for display in this section will be much appreciated by the committee.

Outdoor Campaign.

Organiser: Miss M. Hasler, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

The Out-Door Campaign will be resumed next Sunday, with meetings in the principal London parks (see Programme, p. 553).

IRISH WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

On Tuesday, May 10, Dr. O. MacWalter delivered a most interesting address at the League Rooms, Great Brunswick Street, Dublin, on "Woman and the Poor Law and Medical Service." Mrs. Kettle, B.S., presided. Dr. MacWalter demonstrated the absolute need for proper representation of women on various educational boards and technical committees, as well as in the Dublin Corporation, and (especially in connection with prison reform) on the Bench. Miss Duggan (student of law in Dublin University) dealt with various abuses of the factory system from which women suffer by reason of their present voteless condition, and there was an animated discussion.

CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST WOMEN'S FRANCHISE ASSOCIATION.

The Suffrage Study Class organised by the Kensington branch is proving a great success. At the second meeting, on the 13th, a most interesting address was given by Miss Freeman, followed by an animated discussion. The next subject taken will be "The Economic Aspect of Woman Suffrage." The organisation of the municipal canvass is going on well, and the committee are much gratified by the large response to its appeal for help.

THE SUFFRAGE ATELIER.

The Matinee in aid of funds of the above Society has been postponed from Monday, May 23, to Friday, May 27. Seats already booked will be available for the later date.

THE CAMPAIGN IN THE COUNTRY.

Active propaganda work, suspended owing to the death of the King, will be resumed after to-day (Friday), the date of the King's Funeral. Some of the meetings postponed have been already arranged for, and others will be announced later; for meetings already arranged readers are asked to refer to the following reports:—

Home Counties.

BOURNEMOUTH.

Hon. Sec. Miss Gwanilian Lewis, 21, Old Christchurch Road.

Tuesday, May 24.—Parkstone, Church House, Miss Helen Ogston, B.Sc., 3 p.m. Boscombe, Assembly Rooms, Miss Helen Ogston, B.Sc., 8 p.m.

BRIGHTON AND DISTRICT.

Office—5, North Street, Quadrant.

Tel. 4383 (Nat.). Organiser—Mrs. Clarke.

As all meetings were cancelled owing to the King's death members have been busy making banners for the Procession (June 18). They wish to specially thank Miss Gannaway for her generous gift of poles, rods, etc., and hope other friends will contribute towards the materials used. Open-air meetings recommence next week, and as speakers are urgently wanted for Brighton and surrounding district it is hoped that volunteers will communicate with Mrs. Clarke. Will the London member who ordered and paid for some photographs to be sent to an address in Holland Park send her correct address, as they have been returned by the Post Office.

CANTERBURY AND THANET.

Organiser—Miss F. E. M. Macaulay, 2, York Terrace, Ramsgate.

The At Home to open formally the new office has been postponed to Thursday, May 26, when it is hoped that all who possibly can will be present. The organiser is at the office daily from 10 till 1, and welcomes all visitors interested in the movement who are desirous of giving help or gaining information. Seats for the Albert Hall (June 18) are rapidly being booked. As there is only a limited number, all wishing to secure them should buy them without delay from the organiser. Inquiries as to cheap trains, etc., should be made at the office. A campaign in the neighbouring villages will begin shortly. Volunteers to speak, distribute bills, or sell the paper should give in their names to the organiser. Everyone will be delighted to hear that Miss Christabel Pankhurst is coming to Thanet. She will speak at the Royal Victoria Pavilion, Ramsgate, on Friday, July 1, at 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 26.—Ramsgate, 2, York Terrace, At Home, Miss Macaulay, 3.30 p.m.

READING.

Organiser—Miss Hargesson, 7, Lorne Street.

Particulars of the new shop, next to the Skating Rink in West Street, will be given next week. Meanwhile offers of furniture will be welcomed. Mrs. Mansel and Mr. Laurence Housman will speak at the

The Midlands.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

Office—33, Paradise Street. Tel. 1413 Midland.

Organiser—Miss Dorothy Evans.

There will be a special Poster Parade to-morrow (Sat., 21) to advertise the At Home, with all members who can take part be at the office at 10.45 punctually?

Saturday, May 21.—Stourbridge, Drawing Room Meeting, Mrs. Davis, Hostess; Miss Smith, 3 p.m.
Monday, May 23.—Soho Road, and Whitehall Road, Miss Burdett, 7 p.m.; Stratford Place, Camp Hill, Miss Edith Dale, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24.—Queen's College, At Home, Miss Isabel Seymour, Miss D. Evans, 7.30 p.m.; Sparkbrook, Drawing Room Meeting, Miss Isabel Seymour, Miss H. Burdett.

Wednesday, May 25.—Bristol Street, Dr. Helena Jones, 7.30 p.m.; King Edwards Road, Miss H. Burdett, Mrs. Ball, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 26.—Plough and Harrow Road, Miss Evans, Mrs. Davis, 7 p.m.; Salfrey, Miss Hargesson, Miss H. Burdett, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 27.—Bull Ring, Dr. Helena Jones, Miss H. Walker, 7 p.m.; Small Heath, Green Lane, Mrs. Beattie Smith, 7 p.m.

COVENTRY.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Dawson, St. Peter's Vicarage.

Thursday, May 26.—Poole Meadow, Miss Edith Dale, 7.30 p.m.

DERBY.

Organiser—Miss Brewer, 6, Lime Avenue.

In addition to the meeting announced below, there will be a meeting on Wednesday, June 1, at Borrowash. Speakers: Miss Hooper and Miss Walker.

Wednesday, May 25.—Quarndon, Miss Hooper, Miss Walker.

LEAMINGTON.

Organiser—Miss Evans, 33, Paradise Street, Birmingham.

Hon. Sec.—Miss M. Bull, Ashton House.

Wednesday, May 25.—Obelisk, Miss Dawson, Miss Grippie, 7.30 p.m.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

Office—14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester.

Tel. 1715 Leicester.

Organisers—Miss D. Pethick, Miss D. A. Bowker.

The Shop will re-open and work will be re-started with double vigour next Monday, May 23rd. Now that the postponed Procession Demonstration (June 18th) will take place in the evening instead of the afternoon, it is hoped that many more will be able to avail themselves of the smaller railway fares (3s. 9d. half-day), and that Leicestershire will send up a larger contingent. The organiser has still one or two tickets left for the stalls at the Albert Hall (price 1s.). Will all who have taken

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tickets from her and are unable to use them on June 18th please communicate at once with her? Will members note that the meetings arranged for Mrs. Pethick Lawrence have been postponed. It is hoped that when the dates are fixed for these all will make a special effort to make them a success. The next At Home in Leicester will be next Thursday, May 26th, in the Old Town Hall, 4 to 6 p.m., when it is hoped that Dr. Pemberton Peake will give members the pleasure of hearing the man's point of view of this great movement. On June 1st and 2nd Mrs. Brailsford has kindly promised to speak at Loughborough and Leicester At Homes. As this is the first Thursday in the month, there will also be an evening meeting in the Old Town Hall at 8 p.m., to which a special invitation to all nurses is made to come and hear a woman, who, through great privation and danger, is estimated to have saved hundreds of lives in relief work amongst the distressed inhabitants of Macedonia. The organisers will be glad to receive promises from everyone of odds and ends, old clothes or furniture for a Rummage Sale. Helpers are asked to communicate with the organisers at once, and if desired, a cart will be sent to fetch parcels. Any goods left at the shop will also be acceptable.

West of England.

BRISTOL AND DISTRICT.

Office—37, Queen's Road, Clifton. Tel. 1349.
Organiser—Miss Annie Kenney.

Among other meetings abandoned owing to the death of the King was the open-air campaign arranged for Whitsuntide. The open-air meetings will be resumed next Monday, May 23, on Durdham Down at 3.30. Contributions for the Jumble Sale are still needed; the date will be decided when a sufficient number of things for sale have been received at 37, Queen's Road. Tickets for the Albert Hall (June 18), together with information regarding excursion, can be obtained at 37, Queen's Road. It is hoped that a large contingent will represent Bristol.

NEWPORT (MON.).

Office—46, Clarence Place.

Organisers—Miss Rachel Barrett, B.Sc., and Miss G. Jeffery.

Next Thursday (May 26) the At Home, discontinued on account of the death of the King, will be resumed. Members and friends who wish to obtain tickets (1s. each) for reserved seats for the Albert Hall (June 18) may do so on Thursday. The organisers will be very glad to hear of members and sympathisers who will get up Drawing-room meetings to meet Miss Barrett or some other speaker. This would help the local campaign very much. Will all members who have not yet sent in their Self-Denial Cards to the Newport organisers kindly do so at once?

Thursday, May 26.—Palm Court, Savoy Hotel, At Home, 3.30 p.m.

Eastern Counties.

IPSWICH AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Grace Roe, Northgate House, All Saints' Road, Ipswich.

The demand for VOTES FOR WOMEN since Miss Pankhurst's meeting is most encouraging, and although the sale in the Market Place was postponed, every copy has been sold. Two members bought a large number of copies and sent one to every clergyman in Ipswich. The paper will be sold in the Market Place for the first time on Saturday, May 28, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Will volunteers send in their names as soon as possible? The next At Home will be held in All Saints' Parish Room next Wednesday, May 25, at 3 p.m. As this is early closing day, will members please make this meeting known in all the shops, and will those who have not yet sent in collecting cards or donations for self-denial week please do so? Embroidered work and a rummage sale are among self-denial efforts. Perhaps those unable to give money will send something for sale at the next At Home. The organiser gratefully acknowledges:—Mrs. Cranfield, £10; Miss Margaret Tison, £3.

Wednesday, May 25.—All Saints' Parish Room, At Home, 3 p.m.

North-Eastern Counties.

BRADFORD AND DISTRICT.

Office—65, Manningham Lane. Tel. 4038.
Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips.

As the railway companies have not yet announced their programme of excursions it is impossible to say yet what fares may be in operation on June 18. The day trip via Sheffield will still be obtainable, price 15s. 6d., and the organiser will be glad if all intending to go and wishing for Albert Hall tickets, will communicate with her. The office will remain open for another week, for the transaction of Demonstration or other business.

HARROGATE AND ILKLEY.

Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips, 109, Valley Drive, Harrogate.

Active work will begin next week, on the lines laid down in last week's "VOTES FOR WOMEN." The organiser hopes soon to get into personal touch with the members, and to learn how each can best help. Some have already promised to sell papers, and work of this kind can be found for an unlimited number, also speakers, chalmers, canvassers, &c. Subscriptions should be sent to the organiser at the above address, and are especially asked for as a guarantee of every financial independence which it is the pride of every self-respecting centre to maintain. At Ilkley, too, helpers have volunteered for the open-air meetings which it is hoped to hold weekly during the summer. Knaresborough and Ripon among the places to be touched, and all who can help in any way at any of these places by visiting them occasionally from Bradford, Leeds, or elsewhere, or spending any time there from other parts of the country, are asked to communicate with the organiser.

HULL.

Organiser—Mrs. Baines, care of Miss Harrison, 14, Welbeck Street.

Monday, May 23.—Paragon Square.
Tuesday, May 24.—Waverley Street.
Wednesday, May 25.—Fisherman's Monument.
Thursday, May 26.—At Home.
Friday, May 27.—St. George's Road.

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Office—77, Blackett Street.
Organiser—Miss A. Williams, 353, Westgate Road.
A successful week's work has been done in the shop, but with the exception of the Wednesday At Home,

all meetings have been cancelled on account of the King's death. To-morrow (Saturday, May 21) there will be a tea in the office from 3 to 5, at 6d., with an address by Miss Williams on John Stuart Mill. Will members bring unconverted friends? The organiser asks all who have not sent in their Self-Denial Cards to her, to do so as soon as possible. A Bazaar is being arranged for October; the date will be announced next week, so there will be plenty of work for everyone! Newcastle must show what it can do, and the Bazaar must be a splendid success. "Hitch your wagon to a star," says the organiser.

Saturday, May 21.—77, Blackett Street, Miss Williams, 3 to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24.—Tynemouth, Drawing-room Meeting, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Williams, 3 p.m.; Hostess: Mrs. Hall.

Wednesday, May 25.—77, Blackett Street, At Home, Miss Williams, 3 to 5 and 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, May 26.—Seaton Delaval, Miners' Hall, Mrs. Atkinson, Miss Williams, 7 p.m.

Friday, May 27.—Speakers' Class, Debate, 7.30 p.m.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst, 15, Marlborough Road.

Monday, May 23.—Neighbor, Guild Settlement, Miss Wrigley, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24.—Pitmoor, Vestry Hall, Open Air Meeting.

Wednesday, May 25.—Walkley, Tram Terminus, Open Air Meeting.

Thursday, May 26.—Postponed At Home, Miss Woodlock, Miss A. Pankhurst, Mrs. Kollo.

North-Western Counties.

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT.

Central Office—184, Oxford Road, Manchester.
Tel: 3621 Manchester City.
Organisers—Miss Mary Gawthorpe, Miss Rosa Robinson.

The meetings to be addressed by Mrs. Pankhurst (postponed on account of the King's death) will take place on June 1 and 2. The reception in the Onward Hall will be on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 1, 3 to 5 p.m. Will all who received invitations to the last gathering please accept the same for this new date, and will any who are desirous of bringing others communicate with the organiser? The same invitations will give admittance. On Wednesday evening, Mrs. Pankhurst will speak at Bowdon at 8 p.m.; and on Thursday, June 2, the meeting at the Parr Hall, Palmyra Square, Warrington, will be held at 8 p.m.

Throughout the week those Manchester members who remained at home have been busy engaged at the W.S.P.U. Stall at the Industrial Exhibition, Fallowfield. The Exhibition is likely to prove of great interest to members, and the organisers are pleased to be able to offer them the reduced terms. A few of the 200 tickets purchased still remain. These, which will give admittance throughout the day (usual charge 1s.), will be sold at 6d. each to members and their friends.

Will all Manchester members please send in their Self-Denial cards to the office at once?

Will those who will be able to go to London for the Demonstration on June 18, if an 11s. excursion is arranged, send in names to the office at the earliest possible opportunity?

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT.

Office—28, Berry Street, Tel. 3781 Royal.
Organiser—Miss B. Ada Flatman.

It has been decided to postpone the business meeting until Monday, May 30, when all members are asked to meet at the office at 7 p.m.; all the plans for future work will then be discussed and suggestions will be welcomed to help on the work in Liverpool and district. There will again be no meeting on Tuesday next, but on Tuesday, May 31, Miss Geraldine Lyster is arranging a Whist Drive at 48, Mount Pleasant. Members and friends wishing to be present are asked to send in their names to her; the tickets will be 9d. each, including refreshments. Miss Lyster is giving the two prizes, and she would be very glad to have the help of the members in making this a huge success.

BOLTON, BURY, AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Laura Ainsworth, 1, Myrtle Street, Bolton.

Work begins to-morrow (Saturday) once more in full vigour, and members are urgently needed to help in advertising Mrs. Pankhurst's meetings, for which fresh handbills are ready. All Self-Denial cards must be returned to the organiser by Saturday, May 21. As the "American tea" was postponed it is hoped that the collections will make up for it. Two tickets are still available for the Albert Hall (June 18). It is hoped that as the Demonstration is postponed there will be greater railway facilities. Bolton will combine with Manchester and Southport. At Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting an Office Guarantee Fund will be started.

Saturday, May 21.—Bolton, Decorated Carriage, 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Town Hall Square, 30 p.m.

Monday, May 23.—Bury, Decorated Carriage, 2.30 to 4 p.m.; Fair Ground, 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24.—Darcy Lever, 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 25.—Bury, Derby Hotel, Reception, Mrs. Pankhurst, 5.30 p.m.; Athenaeum, Mrs. Pankhurst, 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 26.—Bolton, Bath's Assembly Rooms, Reception, Mrs. Pankhurst, 3.30 p.m.; Temperance Hall, Mrs. Pankhurst, 7.45 p.m.

PRESTON, CHORLEY, ST. ANNE'S AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Margaret Hewitt, 41, Glover's Court, Preston; Elmsmere House, St. David's Road B., St. Anne's-on-the-Sea.

Members and friends going to London for the Demonstration (June 18) are asked to look out for alteration of arrangements. The Jumble Sale for the Self-Denial funds will take place in the Preston office on June 3rd and 4th; those who can help are asked to communicate with Mrs. Elgby at 41, Glover's Court. Last Thursday's At Home in St. Anne's-on-the-Sea was a great success (this was the only meeting not cancelled as it was quite private), and many more people are becoming interested. Everyone is looking forward to Mrs. Pankhurst's visit in June, when a public meeting will be held in the Public Hall. Tickets may be obtained from Springs, The Square, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea, or from Miss Hewitt. Members and friends in this district are asked to do everything in their power to make this meeting a huge success. The Rev. R. H. Bowen (St. Thomas's Church) has very kindly consented to take the chair. It is hoped to hold the postponed week's campaign in Morecambe on some future occasion.

SOUTHPORT.

Office—13, Nevill Street.
Organiser—Miss Dora Maraden.
There will be no members meeting to-day (Friday), but there will be an important meeting at 13, Nevill

Street the following Friday. It is hoped to have Miss Adela Pankhurst for a meeting in the Temperance Institute on May 31, and in the afternoon an indoor meeting in Formby. Dr. Catharine Bushnell will give six lectures on "The Treatment of Eastern Women under British Rule," on the Fridays in June and the first half of July. Working parties are getting to work—Miss McKay has offered her room for one day a week and Miss Harrison, 14, Queen's Road, has done the same. Miss Turner has planned a plain needlework scheme so straightforward that the services of the most casual helpers can be turned to account at the shop. Miss Barker will undertake arrangements for providing tea at the shop every afternoon after 3.30. A charge will be made and profits will go to the "Materials" Fund.

Scotland.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Shop and Office—362, Sauchiehall Street.
Tel: 615, Charing Cross.

Organiser—Miss Barbara Wylie.

Next Monday, May 23, Miss Hamman, 38, Millothian Drive, has kindly offered a drawing-room meeting at 7.30 p.m., at which Miss Wylie will speak. Fine afternoons and evenings will be utilised for open-air meetings. Will members and friends who are willing to help leave their names at the shop? Paper sellers, collectors, and chalmers are wanted, and will those members who are leaving for holidays let the organiser know what help they can give in arranging and advertising meetings in their respective districts? Members

who have undertaken the street sales for the first time are heartily congratulated; it is hoped their excellent example will be widely followed.

EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.

Office—8, Neville Place, Queensferry Street.
Tel: 6182 Central.
Organiser—Miss Burns.

The surprising growth of interest within the last few months in Dumfries has led Miss McFarlane to decide to spend the summer months there and arrange a sale of work early in June. On Thursday members were glad to welcome Miss Wylie in Edinburgh on the first of many hoped for visits. Next week, in the absence of Miss Hudson and Miss McFarlane, the shop will be taken care of by members.

DUNDEE.

Office—61, Nethergate.

Organiser—Miss McLean.

Meetings on Thursday and Saturday were cancelled owing to the King's death, but men, women and children of Invergowrie listened with great interest to the speakers, Miss Moorhead, Mrs. Renny and Miss McLean, and at the end the women led off ringing cheers for VOTES FOR WOMEN. It is intended to have a sale in the office of some of the Bazaar goods left over.

Monday, May 23.—61, Nethergate, Meeting for Workers.

Tuesday, May 24.—Lochee, Open-Air Meeting, Miss McLean, Chair, Miss Moorhead, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 25.—61, Nethergate, At Home.

Thursday, May 26.—Morefrith, Open-Air Meeting, 8 p.m.

THE CAMPAIGN IN THE METROPOLIS.

General Offices: W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Public meetings and general propaganda work, suspended on account of the death of the King, are being resumed after to-day (Friday), and readers are asked to refer to the Programme below for dates and other particulars.

Next Monday, May 23, an important meeting, free to the public, will be held in the Scala Theatre at 3 p.m., when Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss G. Brackenbury, and the Rev. G. E. Startup will speak.

To-morrow, Saturday, May 21, the Speakers' class will be held at 2, Campden Hill Gardens, at 4 p.m., by the kindness of the Misses Brackenbury. Miss Rosa Leo will kindly attend as usual. The subject will be "Public Misconceptions." Members only are eligible, and a nominal fee of 2d. is charged.

The Outdoor Campaign re-opens with meetings in the parks next Sunday (22nd).

More paper sellers are urgently needed, as with so many visitors to London there is no limit to the number of copies that can be sold. Volunteers are especially needed for a pitch outside the Japan-British Exhibition (principal entrance). Will those able to help send in their names at once? Miss Ainsworth will also be glad to have the names of those who are willing to sell on the route of the Procession (June 18), so that arrangements can be made for them. "We want hundreds of sellers," she writes, "because we want thousands of papers sold on that day." Volunteers must please send in their names to the new address, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C. The new shop is a source of great attraction. Mrs. Knight wishes all members and friends to note that she will have a great variety of new and attractive articles in purple on show in the windows this coming week. Will all friends of the movement make a point of calling to see them? The shop is still in need of some furniture to make the reception-room more comfortable.

London Meetings for the Forthcoming Week.

May			
Saturday, 21	Dulwich Village	Miss Myers; Chair: Miss C. Auld	3 p.m.
" "	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Miss Davis	7.30 p.m.
" "	147, Harley Street, W., Speakers' Class	Miss Margaret West; Chair: Miss Bidwell	8 p.m.
" "	Hornsey, 8, Ribblesdale Road, Drawing-room Meeting	VOTES Corps	7 p.m.
" "	Ilford	Miss Barwell, Miss Barry	7.30 p.m.
" "	Kensal Town, Third Avenue		
" "	2, New Road, Campden Hill, Speakers' Class	Miss Rosa Leo	4 p.m.
" "	Nusford Place, W.	Miss Blundell, Miss Dixon	8.15 p.m.
" "	Upper Holloway, Giesbach Road	Mrs. Bouvier; Chair: Miss Shoults	7 p.m.
" "	Wallington, The Triangle	Miss Leslie Hall	
" "	Blackheath	Mrs. Brailsford	3 p.m.
" "	Croydon, Katherine Street	W. Warre Cornish, Esq.	8.15 p.m.
" "	Finsbury Park	Miss Gibson	3.30 p.m.
" "	Hampstead Heath	Miss Barbara Ayrton	11.30 a.m.
" "	Hyde Park	Miss G. Brackenbury; Chair: Miss Barwell	3 p.m.
" "	Peckham Rye	Miss Charlotte L. Marsh	3 p.m.
" "	Ravenscourt Park	Miss Barwell, Mrs. E. L. Butler	3 p.m.
" "	Regent's Park	Mrs. Cameron-Swan; Chair: Miss Guthrie	3 p.m.
" "	Streatham	Miss M. Brackenbury	3 p.m.
" "	Turnham Green	The Misses Coombe	7.30 p.m.
" "	Victoria Park	Miss Naylor	3 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon Common	Mrs. McKenzie; Chair: Mrs. Lamartine Yates	3 p.m.
" "	Hampstead Garden Suburb, Central Institute	Mrs. Brailsford, H. W. Nevins	8.30 p.m.
" "	Kilburn, Victoria Road	Esq.; Chair: Mrs. A. J. Webb	7.30 p.m.
" "	Lewisham, Market Place	Miss Peck; Chair: Miss Wilson	7.30 p.m.
" "	Scala Theatre, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, W.	Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss G. Brackenbury, Rev. G. E. Startup	3 to 5 p.m.
Tuesday, 24	Bromdesbury Road	Miss Auerbach	7.30 p.m.
" "	Cobden Statue, N.W.	Miss G. Brackenbury	8 p.m.
" "	100, Hammersmith Road, At Home	Dr. Flora Murray, Rev. G. E. Startup, Mrs. Bates	8 p.m.
" "	Ladbroke Grove, Ladbroke Hall		11 a.m.
Wednesday, 25	Wallington, Poster Parade	Miss Naylor	8 p.m.
" "	Barking, Old Town Hall	Mrs. Cameron-Swan; Chair: Miss H. Sprott	3 p.m.
" "	Croydon, Byne Hall	Mrs. Penn-Gaskell; Chair: Miss Burton	7.30 p.m.
" "	Kilburn, Messina Avenue	Miss Bowwick; Chair: Miss Dearn	8 p.m.
Thursday, 26	Rye Lane, The Triangle		7 p.m.
" "	Finsbury Park		
" "	St. James's Hall, Great Portland Street, W.	Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Mrs. Fortwee	8 p.m.
Friday, 27	Wallington, Poster Parade		11 a.m.
" "	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Mrs. Penn Gaskell	7.30 p.m.
" "	Stratford, The Grove	Mrs. Sleight	8 p.m.
" "	Wallington, Parish Hall	Miss Isabel Seymour, F. W. Pethick Lawrence, Esq.; Chair: Miss Green	8 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon, 8, Victoria Crescent, The Broadway	Miss Bertha Brewster; Chair: Mrs. Lamartine Yates	3.30 p.m.

During May the London meetings on Monday afternoons will be held in the Scala Theatre, Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, W.

Saturday, June 18, DEMONSTRATION, Form up Westminster Barracks at 5.30 p.m., start 6.30 p.m., Demonstration, Albert Hall, 8.30 p.m.

postponement of the procession till June 18 it is necessary to call another business meeting; this will be held next Wednesday, May 25, at 55, Church Street, Peckham Road, at 7 p.m. The usual outdoor meetings will be resumed after to-day (Friday).

CHISWICK.

Shop—270, High Road.
Hon. Sec.—Miss C. M. A. Coombes.

The shop is closed to-day (Friday), but the usual Saturday morning selling of VOTES FOR WOMEN will be resumed to-morrow (Saturday). While all who can help with this important work be at the shop by 11 a.m. The Jumble Sale is arranged for Saturday, May 28, at 3 p.m. Will friends kindly send all parcels to the shop, 270, High Road? There are still a few tickets for the Albert Hall (June 18) at 2s. 6d. and 1s. each. Application should be made at the shop. Open-air meetings will be resumed on Sunday, May 22, on Turnham Green, at 7.30 p.m.

CROYDON.

Office—2, Station Buildings, West Croydon.
Tel. 999 Croydon (Nat.). Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cameron Swan, 73, Mayfield Road, Sanderstead, Surrey.

Two meetings require the special help of members in making them known, stewarding, etc. (1)—Bynes Road Hall at 3 p.m. next Wednesday. This is being organised by Mrs. Morris, Miss Sprott, and Miss Hardy, for working women. Tea is provided. (2)—In the Parish Hall, Wallington, next Friday. Will members order tea, soap, ties and hosiery from the Shop? This helps the local Union with expenses. Suggestions for extensions of the work, with the necessary help to carry them out, are invited. Thanks are due to Miss Mott for 1s. subscription.

FOREST GATE.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Y. H. Friedlander, 139, Earlham Grove.

Members and friends will be interested to hear the result of Self-Denial week efforts. From collecting boxes and special donations, £3 5s. 9d.; home-made sale, £1 5s. 6d.; Larrel organ profits, 5s. 1d.; total, £4 16s. 4½d. This sum is being sent to Clements Inn. Members are asked to note the list of forthcoming meetings, beginning on Sunday, May 22. Paper sellers will be welcomed.

HAMPSTEAD.

Shop and Office—184, Finchley Road, N.W.
Organiser—Miss Helen Craggs.

On the two Wednesdays previous to the Procession (June 18) afternoon meetings will be held in the shop. Mrs. Massey will speak on the 8th on "The Industrial Aspect of the Movement." On the 15th it is hoped that Mrs. Webb will speak on "Social Work among Women." Members are asked to make these meetings known. Work on the Hampstead Contingent's banner goes forward splendidly, but the cost of materials is heavy, and a banner fund has been opened. Who will contribute?

ILFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Ethel Haslam, 65, Cranbrook Road.
The following members are thanked for their subscriptions to defray expenses of the organ, and for help

in other ways:—Mrs. Whitten, Miss Morgan, Miss M. Harvey, Miss Patmore, Miss Anderton, Miss Began, Miss Haslam, and Mrs. Dearson. Canvassing is very encouraging, and volunteers for this will be most welcome. Vigorous open-air work commences next week. Members are reminded that their friends can walk with them in the Procession, so let them come and make a good muster under the Ilford Banner. At the meeting on May 9 a very hearty vote of thanks was passed in acknowledgment of the splendid work of Mrs. Dearson and Mrs. Whitten in raising funds for the local Union.

ISLINGTON.

Office—319, Upper Street.
Organiser—Miss F. M. Fagg, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

The shop, which is in a prominent position, continues to attract a great deal of attention. As it will be retained until the Procession (June 18) it is hoped that all members who have promised one shilling per week for four weeks towards the rent will continue their subscriptions for the extra three weeks. Will not those members who have not already helped in this way do so? Further gifts of furniture are also urgently needed, including another table. More sellers for the paper are wanted. Will members living in the district communicate with the organiser saying what time they have to give? If only one hour it will be of use. On Sunday (May 22) the first meeting will be held at Newington Green at 7 p.m., when Miss Charlotte Marsh will speak. All members who can possibly do so are asked to be present. A Drawing-room meeting will be held for teachers, probably on June 3. Other Drawing-room meetings are wanted. Will those who have rooms they could lend for this purpose communicate with the organiser at once, saying which dates would be convenient?

KENSINGTON.

Shop and Office—143, Church Street, Kensington, W.
Tel. 2116 Western. Joint Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Bates, 7, Wrentham Avenue, Willesden, and Miss Morrison, B.A.

Members are reminded that there is much work to be done in preparation for the Ladbroke Hall Meeting next Tuesday, May 24. Canvassers and bill distributors will be welcomed at the shop. Meetings are being arranged for June to take the place of those cancelled on account of the King's death. The Drawing-room meeting for teachers at 34, Elgin Crescent has been postponed to Thursday, June 2, and the afternoon meeting in the Kensington Town Hall originally arranged for to-day has been put off till Friday, June 10. Further particulars of these and other meetings may be had at the shop. The amount obtained by street collections during Self-Denial Week is £9 4s. More than double that sum will be sent to the Treasurer, as the following members and friends have sent contributions through the Kensington Union:—Mrs. Reginald Pott, £2 10s.; Miss Nicoll, £2; Miss Aldis, £2; Mrs. Hartley Withers, £1; Miss Watter, £1; Mrs. George Tito, £1; Miss Postlethwaite, £1; Mrs. Morrison, 10s.; Miss Morrison, 10s.; Mrs. Brown, 5s.; Miss Stephen 5s.; Miss Conway, 4s.; Mrs. Eden, 4s.; Mrs. Stanford, 2s.; Mrs. Bainbridge, 1s.; Mrs. Dwelly, 1s. In addition the secretaries have received for the Kensington shop funds from Mrs.

Reginald Pott, £2 10s.; from Miss Watter, 2s.; from Lady Home, £1.

LEWISHAM.

Shop and Office—107, High Street, Lewisham.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bouvier, 35, Mount Pleasant Road, Lewisham.

Open-air meetings will be resumed on Sunday, May 22, when Mrs. Brailsford will speak on Blackheath at 5 p.m. A strong appeal is made to members and friends to come to these Sunday meetings to support the speaker, distribute handbills, and sell the paper. Will members bear in mind the third anniversary celebration (postponed to June 8) in the Greenwich Borough Hall, and do their utmost to push the sale of tickets? The speaker is Miss Davison; two Suffrage Plays will be performed by the Purple, White, and Green Club, and Mr. Ashworth's A.R.O.O. Piano Quartette will perform; tickets are 2s. 6d., 1s., and 6d. Will one of the younger members volunteer as a recruiting sergeant in this district for the children's contingent in the Procession on June 18? Helpers are also needed next Monday, May 23, at 7.30 p.m., when Miss Baker will speak in the Lewisham Market Place, and for canvassing teachers and nurses for the Procession. A final appeal is made for goods for the Jumble Sale, which will take place shortly. The shop is closed to-day on account of the King's Funeral. The Union is greatly indebted to Mr. Glazier for auditing the quarterly accounts, and to Miss Graham and Miss Billingham for assisting him.

MARYLEBONE.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Nourse, 20, Weymouth Street, W.

This week the Speakers' Class will be held to-morrow, Saturday, 8 p.m., instead of to-day, on account of the King's Funeral. Mrs. Nourse will be glad to hear from any ladies willing to give drawing-room meetings before the Procession (June 18). 5s. is gratefully acknowledged from Mrs. Bell.

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The only meeting held during the week was one which, being of a purely private nature and the invitation cards having been issued in the name of the hostess and not in that of the Union, it was considered impossible to postpone. It accordingly took place very successfully on Tuesday, 11th, at Plympton House, kindly lent by Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Jones, when Dr. Helen Hanson received over a hundred guests, who greatly appreciated the graceful, clear and convincing speeches of Mrs. Bates, Miss Gladice Keovil, and Miss Davison. A good collection was taken and the following promises of support were made: Miss Edith Myers, 1s. a month; Mrs. Pearson, 1s. a month; Miss Rickards, 1s. a month. For Self-Denial: Mrs. Auerbach, £1; Miss Auerbach, £1; Mrs. Penn Gaskell, £1. All those living in this district who wish to walk in the Procession (postponed to June 18) are requested to send in their names as soon as possible to Mrs. Penn Gaskell, local Hon. Secretary. It is hoped that women will come in great numbers to do honour to the very beautiful banner which Mr. G. E. Solomon with great kindness and generosity is designing and painting for this Union. Thanks are

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The completed plans for the Procession campaign will be published in next week's issue. Meanwhile, members are asked to contribute 1d. each towards a Putney and Fulham banner (costing 8s.) for use in the Albert Hall (June 18). The small Town Hall meeting arranged for May 25 has been postponed until June 16. The postponed meeting for nurses will take place on Saturday, June 11, at 8.30. The last of the successful series of "Contrasts" takes place on Wednesday, May 25, at 8 p.m. The Lecture Hall at the Fulham Palace Library, Fulham Road, has been engaged for the occasion. Tickets, price 1s. each, can be obtained from Miss Jarvis, 225, Fulham Road, or of any member. Will members take tickets on sale or return and do everything in their power to make this most interesting debate known? The subject is: Aristotle (in "Politics") by Dr. Arthur Lynch, M.P., member of the Oxford Aristotle Union; Plato (in the "Republic") by Miss Alice M. Wright. Received for campaign fund: Already acknowledged, £1 16s. 6d.; Mrs. Furley Smith, 3s.; Miss Hughesdon (coll.), 7s. 1d.; Miss Cameron (coll.), 11s. 3d.; Miss Gwen Richard (coll.), 6s.; total, £3 3s. 10d.

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The Drawing-room meeting for teachers, postponed from May 11 on account of the King's death, will be held at Glengariff, Kew Road, on Wednesday, June 1, at 5.30 p.m., when Mrs. Emily Pertwee has kindly promised to speak. There will be no out-door meeting next Saturday (21st) at Heron Court.

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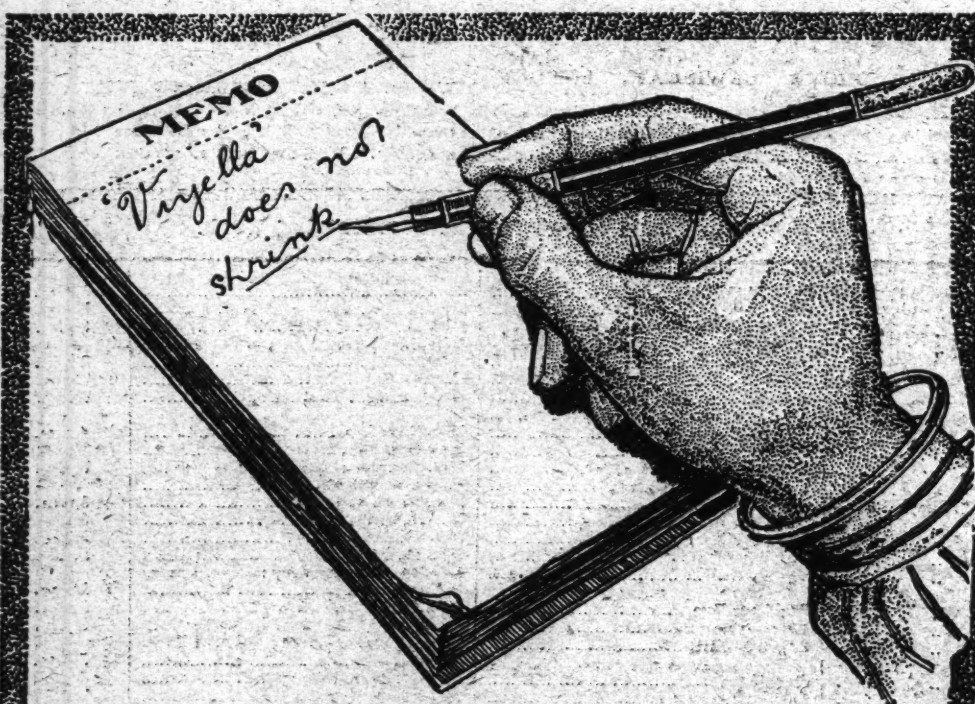
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